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Tuesday, the— *28th of March 1933.* / *15th of Meenam 1108.*

The House met at half-past eleven of the Clock with the President in the chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi and P. Nilakanta Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointment of teachers as Paper-setters for the S. F. Examination.

405. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it was the rule some time ago in the State that Paper-setters for the School Final Examinations were not to be appointed from among the teachers of the High Schools;

(b) has there been of late a change in this policy, and if so, what are the reasons for the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) There were no definite rulings on the subject.

(b) There has been no change.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Was it not the practice some years ago to appoint examiners generally from the College Professors?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—To my knowledge it was not the practice to appoint examiners exclusively from College Professors.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was it not the practice mostly?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I am not aware of any such practice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is it not the present practice to appoint examiners generally from High School teachers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member will see from the list appended that examiners are selected both from the College and from the High Schools.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—My question is 'generally'. Am I to take it that the largest majority is from high schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is very natural because the number of people on the staff of high schools is far more numerous than that in the college.

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406. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it was not a rule or policy some time ago in the State that Paper-setters for the School Final Examinations should not be appointed from among the teachers of the High Schools;

(b) has there been of late a change in this rule or policy and, if so, what are the reasons for the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) and (b) Please see the answer to question No. 405.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—On a point of order, Sir. That is a repetition of question No. 405. Is it allowable under the rules?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is not the same question. The one refers to the rule while the other refers to the rule and policy. In the first question there is no mention of policy.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sub-division (b) of both the questions is the same. There is no difference.

President.—Anyhow it has been admitted.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Two similar questions stand in the name of the same Member; whether it serves any public interest?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Under the rules questions fully answered need not be admitted again. But this was not answered.

Appointment of College Lecturers and Professors as Paper-setters for the S. F. Examination.

407. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any rule or understanding has been laid down within the last 4 or 5 years to the effect that Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not ordinarily be appointed from among College Lecturers and Professors in the State;

(b) and, if so, what are the reasons which prompted the authorities concerned to lay down such a rule or to come to such an understanding?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) There is no definite rule or understanding to the effect that examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not be appointed ordinarily from among the College Lecturers or Professors.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to question a).

408. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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